



Couple of answers to your recent questions

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John,

To answer your questions on the Portland Harbor BERA and Oregon's aquatic life criteria Biological Opinion schedule.

Portland

Still have no specific information requests/needs from you or the LWG. The GIS staff may still have a couple of questions, but for now seem to have found what they needed. We did come up with our approach to address our concerns on presentation of sitewide vs. more regional or localized risks that will require changes to the BERA, Chip and Kristine are mulling over the ecoteam's recommended approach. For the moment, I'm stuck on helping Kristine and Elizabeth calculate a number of PRGs for various human health exposure scenarios based on both whole body and fillet consumption at various rates. As we haven't used the fillet data for anything in the BERA, it's taken me some time to track down the fillet information I've needed.

Oregon water quality standards

You are correct regarding the requested extension on the court ordered deadline to complete revisions on the NOAA and USFWS Biological Opinions on Oregon's aquatic life criteria. The draft USFWS BiOp made no jeopardy calls for any criteria and species, so our focus is on the NOAA BiOp which did make jeopardy calls EPA does not agree with. Given the number of chemicals and details involved in the BiOp that led NOAA to their conclusions, and where we disagree with them, better to discuss over the phone.

Best time to catch me on the phone is tomorrow morning. (b) (6)

in Spokane at Upper Columbia River site meetings.

Happy to talk with you tomorrow morning if you like on Portland Harbor and / or Oregon water quality standards.

Best regards,

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- John Adams